

## Message Text

PAGE 01 STATE 104005

43

ORIGIN EA-03

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /004 R

66608

DRAFTED BY: EA/ANP: JFKNOWLES:MHS

APPROVED BY: EA/ANP: LJMOSER

----- 038184

P 061305Z MAY 75

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

INFO RUEHBAC/AMEMBASSY CANBERRA PRIORITY 0000

AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON PRIORITY

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 104005

FOLL REPEAT STATE 104055 ACTION GENEVA USUN NEW YORK 04 MAY 75:

QUOTE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AEMR, SREF

SUBJECT: RESETTLEMENT OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES: SUMMARY OF  
RESPONSES TO BILATERAL APPROACH

REF: STATE 97854

1. FOLLOWING IS ROUNDUP OF REPLIES RECEIVED AS OF MAY 2  
ON BILATERAL APPROACHES SEEKING RESETTLEMENT OPPORTUNITIES  
FOR VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN COUNTRIES OTHER THAN U.S. YOU  
SHOULD MAKE THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS  
TO UNHCR AND ICEM FOR FOLLOW-UP. WE ARE ALSO CONSIDERING  
OTHER WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN BE HELPFUL IN STIMULATING  
POSITIVE RESPONSES.

2. AFRICA:

WE HAVE RECEIVED TWO POSITIVE RESPONSES TO DATE,  
GABON AND MOROCCO. AMONG THE FRANCOPHONE COUNTRIES OF  
CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 104005

AFRICA, WE ARE AWAITING FURTHER REPLIES FROM THE CENTRAL  
AFRICAN REPUBLIC (AWAITING RETURN OF PRESIDENT BOKASSA),  
CHAD, NIGER, SENEGAL, IVORY COAST, AND TUNISIA. WE BELIEVE  
THE INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES SHOULD ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH  
ALL OF THE COUNTRIES IN ABOVE CATEGORY SINCE THEY OFFER  
GREATEST OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESETTLEMENT IN AFRICA.

LESOTHO, MALAWI (ONLY FOR 2-3 YEARS), MAURITIUS,

AND SWAZILAND HAVE INDICATED THEY MAY BE WILLING TO  
ACCEPT SMALL NUMBER OF TECHNICALLY TRAINED PROFESSIONALS.  
IN OUR VIEW, THIS GROUP SHOULD BE CONSIDERED A SECOND  
PRIORITY AT THIS STAGE.

NEGATIVE OR UNLIKELY COUNTRIES ARE BOTSWANA, DAHOMEY,  
GUINEA, GHANA, LIBERIA, ZAIRE, AND SIERRA LEONE.

IN ANGLOPHONE AFRICA, WE ARE STILL AWAITING A  
NIGERIAN RESPONSE.

## 2. NEAR EAST AND SOUTH ASIA:

WE SEE FEW PROSPECTS IN THESE COUNTRIES. WE HAVE  
NOT YET HAD OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE DEMARCHE TO THE IRANIANS  
AT A HIGH LEVEL, BUT WE HOPE THEY MAY BE HELPFUL IN VIEW  
OF THEIR PAST INVOLVEMENT IN VIET-NAM. SOME OF THE OIL-  
PRODUCING COUNTRIES (SAUDI ARABIA, ABU DHABI, KUWAIT)  
MIGHT BE APPROACHED FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. OTHERWISE,  
THIS IS NOT AN AREA FOR CONCENTRATION.

## 3. EAST ASIA:

THE RESPONSE HAS BEEN MINIMAL. KOREA, NEW ZEALAND,  
AND SINGAPORE ARE WILLING TO TAKE SMALL NUMBERS, BUT  
WILL BE PRIMARILY OCCUPIED WITH TAKING CARE OF VIETNAMESE  
WHO HAVE SPECIAL TIES TO THEIR COUNTRIES. AUSTRALIA HAS  
PUBLICLY AGREED TO TAKE SOME REFUGEES IN FAIRLY  
RESTRICTIVE CATEGORIES. THEY MAY DO MORE BUT WE SHALL  
HAVE TO SEE. (FYI ONLY: WE PLAN TO BE DISCUSSING THIS  
FURTHER WITH PM WHITLAM WHEN HE VISITS WASHINGTON THIS  
WEEK. END FYI.) THE FILIPPINOS AND TAIWANESE ARE  
CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 STATE 104005

TAKING THOSE WITH SPECIAL TIES TO THEIR COUNTRIES.  
(FYI: VLE DID NOT APPROACH THE LAST TWO GOVERNMENTS.)

## 4. EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA:

CANADA HAS PUBLICLY DECLARED ITS WILLINGNESS TO  
ACCEPT THREE THOUSAND ABOVE THOSE WHO ALREADY HAVE  
PAPERS TO ENTER CANADA. OF THE 3,000, 2,000 WILL BE  
TAKEN FROM THE U.S. FLOW; 1,000 FROM OTHER AREAS OF THE  
WORLD. THE UK HAS AGREED TO ACCEPT IN ADDITION TO SOME  
118 WHO HAVE BEEN OR ARE BEING ADMITTED, AN ADDITIONAL  
100 WHO HAVE SOME KIND OF TIE WITH THE UK, OR A KNOWLEDGE  
OF ENGLISH AND WISH TO SETTLE THERE. WE ARE WAITING FOR  
FIRM REPLIES FROM AUSTRIA, W. GERMANY, DENMARK, NORWAY,  
ITALY, AND SWITZERLAND. WE BELIEVE INTERNATIONAL

AGENCIES SHOULD APPROACH THESE GOVERNMENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO BUTTRESS OUR INITIATIVE, IF THEY HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, SINCE THEY ARE THE MOST PROMISING COUNTRIES. ICELAND, FINLAND, SWEDEN, SPAIN, IRELAND, AND HOLLAND SHOULD ALSO BE APPROACHED BUT THEY DO NOT LOOK PROMISING IN OUR VIEW.

FRANCE IS OF COURSE IN A SPECIAL POSITION AND WE ARE COMPARING NOTES WITH THEM.

5. LATIN AMERICA:

WE WILL BE DISCUSSING REFUGEE ISSUE WITH THE LATIN AMERICANS DURING THE FM'S MEETING SCHEDULED THIS WEEK. AT THIS POINT, WE EXPECT THAT BRAZIL, BOLIVIA, VENEZUELA, AND ARGENTINA OFFER THE BEST OPPORTUNITY THOUGH WE HAVE NOT BEEN INFORMED OF THEIR OFFICIAL ATTITUDE TO DATE. ANTIGUA, BARBADOS, COSTA RICA, DOMINICA, GRANADA, NICARAGUA, ST. VINCENT, ST. LUCIA, ECUADOR, PARAGUAY (AGRICULTURE), HAVE INDICATED THEY COULD ACCEPT LIMITED REFUGEES HAVING SPECIAL SKILLS. WE CONSIDER BAHAMAS, CHILE, HONDURAS, JAMAICA, AND COLOMBIA TO BE UNLIKELY CANDIDATES. WE ARE WAITING FOR REPLIES FROM MEXICO, ST. CHRISTOPHER, NEIRS, GUYANA, AND ANGUILLA.

6. FOR USUN: PLEASE PASS SUBSTANCE OF THIS MESSAGE  
CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 04 STATE 104005

TO DAYAL -- UNHCR.

7. WE ARE REQUESTING ALL POSTS TO PUT U.S. MISSION GENEVA AND USUN FOR INFO ON SUBSEQUENT TELEGRAMS ON THIS SUBJECT. DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE GUIDANCE AND INSTRUCTIONS AS NECESSARY. KISSINGER UNQUOTE

KISSINGER

CONFIDENTIAL

<< END OF DOCUMENT >>

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 26 AUG 1999  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** EQUIPMENT, MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 06 MAY 1975  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** ElyME  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1975STATE104005  
**Document Source:** ADS  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** EA/ANP: JFKNOWLES:MHS  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** 11652 GDS  
**Errors:** n/a  
**Film Number:** D750156-0364  
**From:** STATE  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1975/newtext/t197505101/baaaairu.tel  
**Line Count:** 149  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, TEXT ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ORIGIN EA  
**Original Classification:** SECRET  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 3  
**Previous Channel Indicators:**  
**Previous Classification:** SECRET  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** ElyME  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 23 JUN 2003  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <23 JUN 2003 by BoyleJA>; APPROVED <31 OCT 2003 by ElyME>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
05 JUL 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** <DBA CORRECTED> jms 971006; jms 971006  
**Subject:** n/a  
**TAGS:** MASS, CB, TH, US, VS  
**To:** n/a INFO RUEHBAC CANBERRA  
WELLINGTON  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006